

ADMINISTERING MEDICINES TO STUDENTS

Many students are able to attend school regularly only through effective use of medication in the treatment of disabilities or illnesses that do not hinder the health or welfare of others. If possible, all medication should be given by the parent(s)/guardian at home. If this is not possible, it is done in compliance with the following:

1. Only employees of the Board who are licensed health professionals, or who are appointed by the Board and have completed a drug administration training program meeting State law requirements, conducted by a licensed health professional and considered appropriate by the Board, can administer prescription drugs to students.
2. The school nurse or an appropriate person appointed by the Board supervises the secure and proper storage and dispensation of medications. The drug must be received in the container in which it was dispensed by the prescribing physician or others licensed to prescribe medication.
3. Written permission must be received from the parent(s)/guardian of the student, requesting that the school nurse or an appropriate person comply with the physician's order.
4. The school nurse or other designated individual must receive and retain a statement which complies with State law and is signed by the physician who prescribed the drug or other person licensed to prescribe medication.
5. The parent(s)/guardian must agree to submit a revised statement, signed by the physician or other licensed individual who prescribed the drug, to the nurse or other designated individual if any of the information originally provided by the physician or licensed individual changes.
6. No employee who is authorized by the Board to administer a prescribed drug and who has a copy of the most recent statement is liable in civil damages for administering or failing to administer the drug, unless he/she acts in a manner which would constitute "gross negligence or wanton or reckless misconduct."
7. No person employed by the Board is required to administer a drug to a student except pursuant to requirements established under this policy. The Board shall not require an employee to administer a drug to a student if the employee objects, on the basis of religious convictions, to administering the drug.

Inhalers for Asthma: Students have the right to possess and use a metered-dose inhaler or a dry-powder inhaler to alleviate asthmatic symptoms or before exercise to prevent the onset of asthmatic symptoms. The right applies at school or at any activity, event or program sponsored by or in which the student's school is a participant.

In order for a student to possess the inhaler, he/she must have written approval from the student's physician and parent or other caretaker. The principal and/or the school nurse must have received copies of these required written approvals.

Epinephrine Auto-injectors: Students are permitted to carry and use an epinephrine auto-injector (epi-pen) to treat anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions). The right to carry and use an epi-pen extends to any activity, event or program sponsored by the student's school or activity, event or program in which the school participates.

Student possession of an epi-pen is permitted only if the student has written approval from the prescriber of the medication and, if a minor, from his/her parent. Written approval must be on file with the principal and, if one is assigned, the school nurse. In addition, the principal or school nurse must receive a backup dose of the medication from the parent or student.

Diabetes Medication: If a student's treating physician determines a student with diabetes is capable of performing diabetes care tasks, the student is permitted to attend to the self-care and management of his/her diabetes during regular school hours, and at school-sponsored activities upon written request from the student's parent/guardian or other person having care or charge of the student. Students may perform these tasks in the classroom, in any area of the school or school grounds, and at any school-sponsored activity. Students are permitted to possess, at all times, the necessary supplies and equipment to perform the tasks in accordance with the student's treating physician's orders. This right may be revoked if the student performs any care tasks or uses medical equipment for purposes other than the student's own care. The student is provided with a private area for performing self-care tasks if requested by the student, student's parent/guardian or other person having care or charge of the student.

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 JFCH, Alcohol Use by Students
 JFCI, Student Drug Abuse

ADMINISTERING NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION TO STUDENTS
LIBERTY UNION - THURSTON SCHOOL FORM

To: School Nurse
Re: Administration of Non-prescription Medication

I, _____ (printed parent/ guardian name), do hereby give my consent for my child, _____ (first & last name), grade, _____, date of birth, _____, to receive the following medication at school, administered by the designated staff.

NAME OF MEDICATION: (Please use a new form for each medication.) _____

DOSAGE: (Dosage must be within recommended dosage instructions on package label for age and weight. Medication must be current as to expiration date.)

MEDICATION IS TO BE ADMINISTERED AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES: _____

FOR THE FOLLOWING LENGTH OF TIME: _____

REASON FOR THE MEDICATION: (Type of illness, condition): _____

I understand that this medicine must be sent to school in a fully labeled container, the original labeled container from the store or pharmacy. I also understand that this medicine must be delivered to the nurses' office by me and that medicines may not be carried to school by students or placed in backpacks or lunch boxes. I understand that I must notify the nurse in writing if any of the above information changes.

SIGNATURE: (Parent / Guardian) _____

Date: _____ Daytime phone number: _____

Each school year a new form must be completed for each medication.

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